Registrar to take action against one Mr. T. S. Susainathan, Secretary of the Madurai Mills Co-operative Stores, for misappropriation of Rs. 30,000 from the funds of the said Stores;

(*b*) whether the Registrar refused permission and transferred the Deputy Registrar from Madurai;

(*c*) whether important documents throwing light upon the misappropriation were caused to be destroyed;

(*d*) whether any action was taken against those who destroyed the documents;

(*e*) whether any action was taken against Mr. Susainathan and if not, why; and

(*f*) whether Susainathan was subsequently promoted as Deputy Registrar?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir.

" (*c*) & (*d*) No information, Sir.

" (*e*) Yes; action was taken against the Officer in 1945 for certain irregularities but there was no charge of misappropriation.

" (*f*) The Officer was promoted as Deputy Registrar considering his previous and subsequent good work."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Sir, in view of the negative answer given by the Hon. Minister for parts (*a*) and (*b*) of the question, may I know what exactly is the nature of the misconduct on the part of the officer for taking action against him? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the charges related to certain defects in administration such as failure to take President's orders for Deepavali purchases, failure to give gate passes, etc. There was no charge of misappropriation, Sir."

Revival of Taluk Boards.

* 252 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the stage at which the proposal of the Government to revive Taluk Boards stands now?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The matter is still under consideration."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" ஐயா, தாலூகா போர்டுகளைப் புதுப்பிப்பதன் மூலம் மக்களின் நீண்டகால ஆசையைப் பூர்த்தி செய்யவும், தாலூகா போர்டுகள் இல்லை என்ற மக்களின் நீண்டகாலக் குறையைச் சரிப்படுத்தவும் கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் எப்பொழுது முன்வரப் போகிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" As early as possible, Sir."

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, it was more than once stated on the floor of this House that the matter was under the consideration, under the very active consideration of the Government. Now the Hon. Minister says that it is under consideration. May I know what happened to change the attitude of this Government? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" There is no change in the attitude of the Government. It is still under the consideration of the Government."

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" ஸார், 'தாலூகா போர்டுகளைப் புதுப்பிக்கப்போகிறோம்' என்று சர்க்கார் ஜில்லா போர்டு தேர்தலுக்கு முன்னதாக சொல்லிக்கொண்டிருந்தார்கள். ஆனால், இப்பொழுது அப்படிச் சொல்வது இல்லை. அதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன ? ஜில்லா போர்டு தேர்தலில் மேஜாரிடி கிடைத்துவிட்டதால் சர்க்கார் இப்பொழுது அப்படிச் சொல்வதில்லையா ? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" ஸார். மலபார் ஜில்லா போர்டைப் பாதிக்கும் என்பதற்காக ஒத்திவைக்கப் பட்டிருக்கிறது."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Is the suggestion to constitute Taluk Boards an alternative to the present District Boards or are they in addition to the present District Boards for more democratic administration of local affairs? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The matter is under consideration. The hon. Member is going into details. If the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer the question I have no objection."

Reinstatement of persons dismissed from service in Pudukkottai.

* 253 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state— 11-30 a.m.

(*a*) whether any persons dismissed or removed from service by the former Pudukkottai State several years antecedent to the merger have been reinstated or such orders revoked by the Madras Government after the merger; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to the Legislative Assembly starred question No. 1047 printed on pages 1346–47 of the Proceedings of the Assembly, Volume IX, No. 11, dated 25th July 1953. (Laughter.) That question was put by the very same hon. Member. There are no other cases."